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THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE HAS INFORMED DR. SUGANO, CHAIRMAN, JSPS CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE IN LETTER DATED DECEMBER 13 OF THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS PROPOSED FOR NCI-JSPS COOPERATIVE CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM. DUE TO THE MARCH 31, 1975, GOJ END OF FISCAL YEAR, AND USG TRAVEL CEILINGS, SIX MEETINGS (THREE IN JAPAN AND THREE IN U.S.) ARE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1975. THESE ARE THE FOLLOWING:

A. JOINT PLANNING AND SCIENTIFIC MEETING FOR THE CANCER CHEMOTHERAPY PROGRAM, FEBRUARY 13-14, 1975 TOKYO.

B. JOINT WORKING AND PLANNING MEETING FOR THE CYTOLOGY PROGRAM, FEBRUARY 18-MARCH 3, TOKYO, OSAKA, KYUSHU AND HOKKAIDO.

C. JOINT MEETING FOR THE BREAST CANCER PROGRAM, FEBRUARY 22-24, TOKYO.

D. JOINT MEETING OF THE U.S.-JAPAN WORKING GROUP ON  
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CANCER IMMUNOLOGY, MARCH 13-15 OAHU, HAWAII.

E. JOINT MEETING FOR CHEMICAL CARCINOGENESIS PROGRAM  
ON "ACTION OF PROTEASE INHIBITORS AND CARCINOGENESIS,"  
MIDDLE MARCH, LOCATION IN U.S. TO BE DECIDED.

F. JOINT PLANNING AND WORKSHOP MEETING FOR THE CANCER  
VIROLOGY PROGRAM, MARCH 22-23, HONOLULU OR HILO, HAWAII.

2. DELAYS IN SCHEDULING MEETINGS HAVE BEEN DUE TO LATE  
SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND LATENESS OF PROGRAM DEVELOP-  
MENT. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT AT LEAST SIX ADDITIONAL  
JOINT WORKSHOPS AND PLANNING MEETINGS WILL BE HELD  
DURING THE REMAINDER OF CY 1975. A JOINT NCI-JSPS  
SCIENTIFIC GROUP MEETING (STEERING COMMITTEE) HAS BEEN  
PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 1975 IN SAN FRANCISCO.

3. DHEW TRAVEL CEILINGS ARE INDEED A REALITY AS WELL AS  
LIMITING FACTOR. THEY ARE RELATED TO OVERALL USG  
EFFORT TO ECONOMIZE ON ENERGY USAGE AND ARE NOT A  
REFLECTION ON IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATIVE BILATERAL HEALTH  
PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE NCI-JSPS JOINT CANCER RESEARCH  
PROGRAM. NCI INTENDS TO IMPLEMENT THE U.S. SIDE OF  
THE CANCER RESEARCH AGREEMENT AND IS SEEKING TO UTILIZE  
ITS EXISTING TRAVEL CEILING IN A MANNER THAT WILL PERMIT  
IT TO DO SO.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S PROVIDING APPROPRIATE  
REASSURANCE TO JSPS. KISSINGER

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